

Overview of the Issues. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Mizrach, Director, VA New Jersey Health Care System, Department of Veterans' Affairs; and public witnesses.

### LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS—COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE LENDING

*Committee on Financial Services:* and the Committee on Small Business held a joint hearing entitled "Condition of Small Business and Commercial Real Estate Lending in Local Markets." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability and Counselor to the Secretary; John C. Dugan, Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and John E. Bowman, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Karen G. Mills, Administrator, SBA; Elizabeth Duke, Governor, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and Martin J. Gruenberg, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, FDIC.

### RADICALIZATION ANALYSIS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Radicalization Analysis. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### ECONOMIC RECOVERY

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the road to economic recovery, focusing on prospects for jobs and growth, after receiving testimony from Richard Berner, Morgan Stanley and Co., New York, New York; Jeffrey Joerres, Manpower Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 1 through March 6, 2010

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 4213, Tax Extenders Act, and Senator Baucus, or his designee, will be recognized to offer a substitute amendment.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12:15 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 3, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the Army budget overview for fiscal year 2011, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 3, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 4, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine funding and oversight of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 4, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Office of the U.S. Capitol Police, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 3, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the protective forces at the Department of Energy, 3:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 2, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine restoring credit, focusing on proposals to fix small business borrowing and lending problems, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 4, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 2, to hold hearings to examine Toyota's recalls and the government's response, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 3, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Fisheries Enforcement Programs and Operations, 10 a.m., SR-253.